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New Coronavirus strain effect

Night Curfew

From tonight, Dec. 23, 2020 till Jan. 2, 2021 between 10 pm and 6 am across Karnataka

Bengaluru, Dec.23 (SSV)- The State Government has decided to impose night curfew across Karnataka from 10 pm tonight (Dec. 23, 2020) upto 6 am on Jan. 2, 2021 in the wake of emergence of a new strain of Coronavirus in United Kingdom (UK) and other European countries.

This was announced by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa after a meeting with Medical Education and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar this morning. The CM said, "As per the advise of Government of India and the COVID-19 State Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), it has been decided to impose night curfew across the State from 10 pm today till 6 am on Jan. 2, 2021. I request all public to co-operate with the State Government to contain the new form of virus."

The CM said it was mandatory for all passengers coming from abroad to carry with them RT-PCR negative report to produce it on their arrival at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru. Arrangements have been made at all airports in the State to screen every passenger before boarding or on arrival.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa addressing a press conference at Bengaluru this morning to announce imposition of night curfew across the State.

On the State Government's decision to re-open 10th and 12th std. classes from Jan. 1, Yediyurappa said the Government would study the situation for the next two to three days and then take a call on it.

Asked about the Christmas and New Year celebrations, the Chief Minister did not elaborate on it except saying that guidelines had already been issued in this regard.

In the morning, Dr. Sudhakar held an in-camera meeting with the members of COVID-19 State Technical Advisory Committee headed by its Chairman Dr. M.K. Sudarshan on the new strain of Coronavirus. It was learnt that the Committee members suggested to the State Government to take stringent measures such as imposition of night curfew and its strict implementation in order to check the spread of pandemic. The Panel asked the Government not to commit any mistake as done a few months ago when the airports were opened and allowed passengers inside without conducting any test. This, according to the Committee, had resulted in explosion of Corona positive cases in the State.

(See CURFEW on page 7)

Mysuru-Chennai High-Speed Rail Corridor

Bids invited for survey work to prepare DPR

High-speed train via Bengaluru to reach Chennai in just 2 hours and 25 minutes

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (BCT)- India's **National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)** has invited tenders (bids) for the first dedicated preparatory survey work to develop the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the upcoming 450-km Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai High Speed Rail project in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

This is the second high-speed rail line planned in South India and is expected to cut down the travel time between Chennai and Mysuru to less than 2.5 hours.

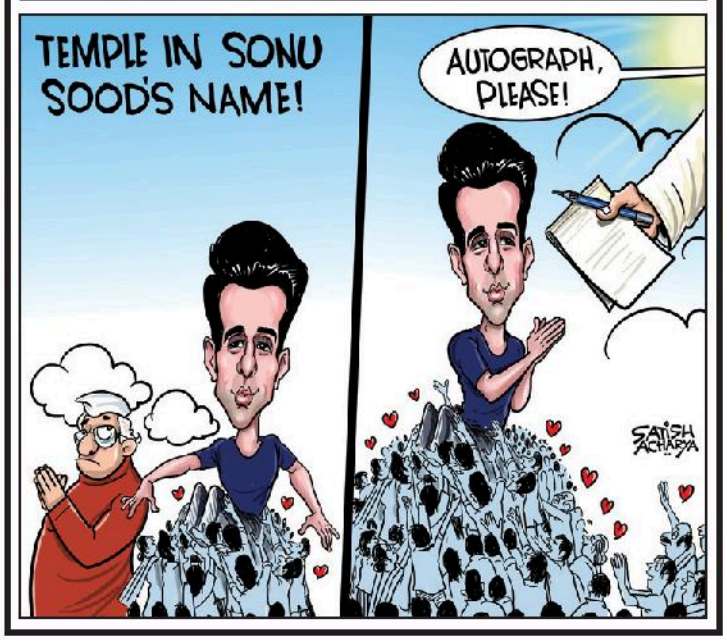
The tender notice was issued by NHSRCL last evening and it is the final of six new high-speed rail corridors planned by the Government of India last year, for which basic preliminary work has commenced to start construction on the project.

Others already in the preparatory stage include the 865-km Delhi - Varanasi line, 886-km Delhi - Ahmedabad line, 741-km Mumbai - Nagpur line, 465-km Delhi - Amritsar line and 767- km Mumbai - Pune - Hyderabad line.

The scope of the survey includes identification of overhead, overground, underground utilities and identification of power sourcing options for substations along the High-Speed Rail Corridor. The survey work involves identification of crossing bridges over rivers and canals, Railways and roads, Expressways, National and State Highways and major district roads and construction of maintenance depots.

(See BIDS on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

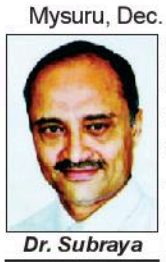
Mysuru, Wednesday 23rd December 2020

New Governing Council members

Chandrashekhar Umesh Mohan Ramachandra Narasimha Narendra Dr. Chandrashekar

Nagesh Anuradha Parthasarthi Nagaraj Achyutha Srinath Suresh

Mysuru, Dec. 23- The following persons have been elected as Governing Council Members of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI), Mysuru, for 2020-23:



Dr. Subraya

President - Dr. B.M. Subraya: An alumnus of SVEI, he has served as Vice-President, Dean and Head of Global Education Centre (GEC), Infosys, Mysuru. He has more than 35 years of experience both in academic and corporate education.

Hon. Secretary- N. Chandrashekhar: Retired Canara Bank Manager and alumnus of SVEI, he is the son of freedom fighter M.S. Narayanaswamy, who served as a teacher in Government School and in RIMSE.

Vice-President - Dr. T.K. Umesh: An alumnus of SVEI, State Rank holder in SSLC in 1971 from Sarada Vilas High School, he served as Physics Faculty in University of Mysore (UoM), as incharge Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, UoM.

Treasurer- R.S. Mohan Murthy: Governing Council member of Sarada Vilas since 2003, he was instrumental in the construction of Prof. Chinnaswamy Setty Conference Hall.

Other Governing Council Members are: S.L. Ramachandra, R. Narasimha, Narendra Narayan, S.Achyutha, Anuradha Nandakumar, Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, Nagesh R. Hanasoge, B.S. Parthasarthi, H.K. Srinath, S.Nagaraj and Suresh.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In what can only be described as a horrific collapse, Team India was shot out for just 36 runs in the second innings of the Adelaide Test. This is India's lowest score in 88 years of playing Test cricket. What's even more shocking is that the inglorious marker came courtesy a team that is generally considered to be very good overseas. Moreover, the team actually had a lead of 53 from the first innings. To give it all away in a couple of sessions required massive under-performance or an exceptional display by the opposition.

Skipper Virat Kohli blamed the debacle on a collective lack of intent. But the more charitable explanation is that the Indian batsmen were caught by a perfect storm where the pitch suddenly livened up and the Aussie bowlers had the perfect tools to exploit the situation. As some commentators have pointed out, the ball actually swung less than expected which resulted in more edges and catches. And pacers Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins had the line and length to keep the Indian batsmen on the hop.

However, there could also be other factors. In a year when COVID-19 completely disrupted the cricket calendar, it is natural for teams to put up inexplicable performances. Plus, for Kohli and the boys IPL 2020 played in UAE marked the return to cricketing duties after the pandemic-induced hiatus. And switching from the shortest to the longest format of the game requires a degree of adjustment. Besides, with the advent of T20 there is a sense that the whole game today is oriented towards this attractive format. Youngsters in small town India dream of getting an IPL contract, which in turn can be a shortcut to Team India itself. Perhaps therein lies India's issues with Test cricket. Kohli may be on to something when he talks about intent. Mindset issues do lead to such debacles. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Chilean Prez fined for mask-less selfie with stranger

Santiago: Chilean President Sebastian Pinera was slapped with a $3,500 fine on Friday after posing for a selfie on the beach with a bystander without wearing a mask as required during the coronavirus pandemic, health authorities said.

Chile has strict rules on mask wearing in all public places and violations are punishable with sanctions that include fines and even jail terms. Pinera apologized then turned himself in shortly after the selfie surfaced on social media in early December.

The President explained that he was walking alone along the beach near his home at Cachagua when a woman asked for a photo together. The selfie shows the President and the woman standing very near to one another on a sunny day, neither of them wearing masks.

Cops bust drug dealers in Santa Clause and Elf dress

Lima: Peruvian Police Drugs-Squad sleuths disguised as Santa Claus and an elf swooped into a house in Lima not to deliver gifts but to capture a suspected cocaine and dope dealer as part of an anti-drug operation.

The agents, dressed in red, white and green outfits with flak jackets hidden underneath, arrived in an undercover van before breaking into the house with a large hammer to apprehend their suspect.

"We are the Police, we are the green squad, this is an anti-drug operation," one of the agents yelled in footage filmed by Police of the raid, as he pinned the suspect to the ground and handcuffed him in the Villa El Salvador district of Lima.

The arrested man had been videotaped selling drugs outside his home near a school and the Cops found a bag with hundreds of small bags that appeared to contain drugs, a revolver and a balaclava in the house.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Obesity Can Be Tackled

Body Mass Index should always be monitored. Regular exercises, cutting carbs and eating more protein and fiber are all excellent ways to get rid of fat.

By Kavya. J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	67
Total positive cases	:	51,914
Discharges yesterday	:	38
Total discharges	:	50,464
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,006
Total active cases	:	444

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	10
Total positive cases	:	19,269
Total discharges	:	18,913
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	209

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	3
Total positive cases	:	6,673
Total discharges	:	6,434
Total deaths	:	119
Total active cases	:	109

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	18
Total positive cases	:	5,649
Total discharges	:	5,442
Total deaths	:	71
Total active cases	:	136

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	27
Total positive cases	:	27,789
Total discharges	:	27,134
Total deaths	:	391
Total active cases	:	264

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A rich woman stops on a traffic signal and a beggar comes to her begging for alms.

Woman confused: *Arrey, I have seen you somewhere.*

Beggar: *Madam, don't you remember? I am your friend on facebook!!*

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NEWS BRIEFS

AGM tomorrow

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Sri Gurumalleshwara Graduates Credit Co-operative Society, Ramanuja Road, will take place at No.12/4-1, next to Chennamma Channabasappa Kalyana Mantap, Lokaranjan Mahal Road, Ittigegud, at 11 am tomorrow (Dec.24). Society President Ashwin R. Palegar will preside. For details, call Ph: 0821-2445515.

Calling Vokkaligas

The Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Vokkaligara Sangha has appealed Vokkaliga community members to enrol as members of the Sangha. In a press release, the Sangha said that membership application forms have been distributed and the community members must submit the same at the Sangha office on Second Main Road, Vidyaranyapuram, along with necessary documents before Dec. 31. Application forms received after Dec.31 will not be entertained. [Ph: 0821-2482944].

Musical Evening

'Mohammed Rafi Musical Evening' has been organised at Vardhaman Bhavan (Jain Boarding) in city on Dec. 25 at 6 pm. Singers Raghavendra Ratnakar, Dr. M.P. Preetam and Shreshta K. Ragh will be rendering Rafi hits. Jagannath Shenoy, Raghuram Vajapayee, Kautilya Raghu, M.V. Ramprasad, Parthasarathi and others will be present. [Mob: 94484-56539].

Elected

G.R. Nagaraj has been elected unanimously as the President of Adarsha Seva Sangha for the next three years at the 39th Annual General Meeting held on Dec. 12 in city. Nagaraj has been serving as the President of the Sangha since 27 years.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	119.38 ft
Yesterday	119.39 ft
Inflow	2,348 cusecs
Outflow	2,320 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.02 ft
Inflow	486 cusecs
Outflow	600 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,819.45 ft
Inflow	113 cusecs
Outflow	870 cusecs

Glaring anomalies in UPOR Survey

Mysuru's 46,000 properties do not have valid records

UPOR Project Head and Town Planning Project Officer V. Ajjappa at his Chambers in city. Picture right shows the entrance to UPOR Office.

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (M.B. Pavan Murthy)- Over 46,000 property owners in Mysuru do not have proper registration records to claim their ownership of their landed properties. This shocking revelation has come to fore after the property survey under Urban Property Ownership Record (UPOR) has been completed.

Under UPOR, in all, 3,23,616 properties have been surveyed and documents have been collected for 2,18,900 properties. Of these properties, over 46,000 properties have no proper or valid documents. The process of document collection for the remaining 1,04,716 properties is underway.

UPOR is a landmark project in Karnataka to create digitised, geo-referenced and unique identity records for property in urban areas, and issue property cards to owners. It was launched in 2014 in Mysuru, Shivamogga and Mangaluru on a pilot basis. The objective: Prevent cheating in land deals and protect Government land from fraudsters.

Under the project, properties in Mysuru city and the surrounding 42 villages that are attached to the city areas have been surveyed and the properties include not only private but also Government properties. While doing survey, over 46,000 property owners have handed over improper and invalid records for their properties and this came to light when the properties were collated to be added into the UPOR system.

Rs. 5 or Rs. 10 stamp papers

Most of these 46,000 properties have the records of land transfers and registrations mentioned in Rs. 5 or Rs. 10 stamp papers which do not have legal standing. These properties have been kept out of UPOR as the documents are invalid, UPOR Project Head and Town Planning Project Officer V. Ajjappa told *Star of Mysore*.

Owners of those properties that have valid documents can obtain Property Record (PR) cards from the UPOR office. The card comes with a cadastral map, with complete details about the property and digital signatures.

"After property owners submit documents to obtain PR cards, our Officers will start enquiries and they will depend on our survey records. Later, a draft PR card is prepared with respect to that particular property. After the 9-page draft is ready, a 33-day window is given for filing objections. If there are no objections, a 6-page final PR card is prepared and will be issued to the property owner. Rs. 250 has been fixed for a property with 30X40 dimensions, he explained.

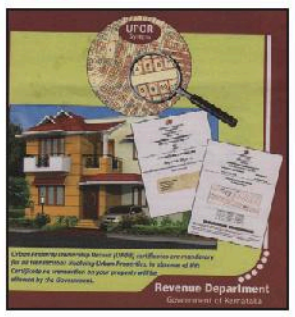
Till now, of the 3,23,616 properties surveyed, draft PR cards for 1,72,837 have been prepared and 1,61,191 draft PR cards issued. 1,08,548 final PR cards are ready to be issued and 49,439 final PR cards issued. "We have completed the process of survey in 2012 itself and now we have to take up the survey of the new layouts and buildings that have come up after 2012," he added.

Authentic legal document

PR card is the first and only authentic legal document of the ownership of the property and is proof of the ownership. The card contains scale map, extent and other details including encumbrances and mortgage of the property. Hence, all the details of the property are available in a single document. The property is geo-referenced and thus owners can view the property map online.

The technology used in UPOR to survey properties is Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS), which is far superior to the ones used by Survey Department earlier. UPOR is a significant project intended to reduce legal disputes over property ownership. Prospective buyers, who are often at the risk of falling prey to fraud, will be benefited as most of the time they are uncertain about the ownership of property they intend to purchase. In future, the Government may make UPOR or PR cards mandatory in the process of registration of properties, Ajjappa added.

What is UPOR?



Similar to RTC for rural properties, UPOR is ownership records for properties in urban areas. UPOR consists of various other details such as shape and the area of property and various encumbrances on the property like bank loans etc.

Under this project, every property will have correct information about the land and Record of Rights. The information about the owner, dimensions of the property, the directions of the property (whether it is a north facing or south facing site), and other accurate details will be provided.

Key benefits

1. Bank will be certain property belongs to buyer and gives loan.
2. Courts will dispose of property-related cases.
3. Municipality Corporations will have comprehensive database.
4. Property card will also have exact GPS coordinates of each property, helping owner find out corners of his property on the ground even after hundreds of years.

How to apply for UPOR?

UPOR project has been implemented in Mysuru under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) in association with SECON Consultants. The properties have been divided into different categories like, MUDA, Gram Tana, Ashraya Layout and other ones. Based on the category which it comes under, one can apply for UPOR.

For details of obtaining UPOR application and final certificate, one can visit the website *www.upor.karnataka.gov.in*

One can personally visit the UPOR Office near Government Guest House, Nazarbad, Mysuru-570001 or call Ph: 0821-2434540.

UPOR not mandatory in Shivamogga and Mangaluru

Its fate in Mysuru is anybody's guess

Mysuru, Dec. 23- The UPOR project is not mandatory in Shivamogga and Mangaluru. On Sept. 9, 2019, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa wrote a letter to Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department and said: "The UPOR project is being implemented in the city of Shivamogga on a pilot basis. Many members of the public have expressed reservations over the project making property cards mandatory for carrying out land transactions."

After the CM's letter and despite the Revenue Department insisting that UPOR was working effectively, the 'mandatory' clause was removed on Sept. 30, 2019. The CM's letter stated: "Since this project is not being implemented in any other city of the State, it is directed that the project can be continued without making the property cards mandatory for land transactions."

The Revenue Department's argument that a system like the UPOR project and digitised cards are the only way to save properties on lakes, drains, parks and forest areas was not considered by the Government while relaxing the mandatory provision while registering properties.

Soon after the Sept. 30 order, BJP MLAs from Mangaluru region announced that the mandatory UPOR card provision was withdrawn from Mangaluru as well.

VOICE OF THE READER

Voter ID correction: A citizen's ordeal

Sir,

Recently the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had announced that citizens can get their voter ID changes done. This included address, name and other changes which was a long overdue drive by MCC. People who have relocated to new areas like Dattagalli, Somanathnagar etc., need to get these changes done urgently.

This process started a year ago and I surrendered my ID at MCC Zonal Office near Akashvani in Yadavagiri a year ago. Then I was asked to give the acknowledgement to Rotary School in Dattagalli.

After this MCC has woken up now and given some Helpline Numbers in newspapers. These Helplines are attended to by some random persons who tell us to go to Room No. 104 at Taluk Office. This was no rocket science and everyone knew Taluk Office is the place where we should go. So how does these Phone Numbers help?

Finally I called the local Corporator who directed me to go to Rotary School again. So I went back and was told that they have not received any information on this.

The Corporator is clueless, the Helpline Numbers are equally so and the citizen goes round and round in circles. Now the big question: What about senior citizens who cannot go to Taluk Offices in this pandemic? Why don't they decentralise and allot it to the nearest MysoreOne Centres?

Finally, though it is my right to vote, the elected representatives must also take the call to make it easier for us. I wish MP Pratap Simha takes note of this.

Also I request the Corporation Commissioner to let us get the changes done at the nearest centres due to pandemic.

—Vinoda Ramachandra
Dattagalli 3rd Stage
20.12.2020

Resting Shelter inaugurated at MMC&RI

Rotary District Governor (Dist. 3181) Rtn. Ranganath Bhat, Journalist Swathi Chandrashekar and Mysore Medical College Principal Dr. K.R. Dakshayini cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the Resting Shelter at MMC&RI yesterday. Others seen are Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and District Governor-Elect Rtn. A.R. Ravindra Bhat.

Mysuru district records 84 percent voting in first phase of GP polls

Second phase elections on Dec. 27; Counting for both phases on Dec. 30

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (RKB& BCT)- The first phase of Gram Panchayat (GP) elections passed off peacefully in the five Taluks of Mysuru district for 2,174 posts in 949 seats. There are a total of 148 GPs and the voters decided on the fate of 6,165 candidates.

Election was held using the traditional ballot papers and voter slips were collected in ballot boxes. Indelible ink was marked on the left thumb of the voters.

Voting was held for Hunsur Taluk (41 seats), K.R. Nagar Taluk (34 seats), Periyapatna (34), Heggadevanakote (26) and Saragur Taluk (13 seats). Mysuru Taluk will go to polls in the second phase along with Nanjangud and T. Narasipur on Dec. 27 where voting will take place for 1,833 posts in 102 GPs. There are 5,069 candidates in the fray and counting for both phases will be held on Dec. 30.

Panchayat polls are not fought on party lines and no party symbols are used. However, most candidates are backed by political parties. The election took place amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and those who have tested positive or under primary or secondary contacts voted in the last hour of polling.

The polling began at 7 am and till afternoon, 45.92 percent polling was reported and by the time voting concluded at 5 pm, 84 percent polling was reported. The percentage is high as villagers overwhelmingly voted for candidates for the overall development of their villages. This number is high when compared to the polling in city areas where usually the voters are laggards.

The State Election Commission had issued guidelines for ensuring compliance of COVID-19 protocols. But there were reports of violation of social-distancing norms. In the morning, rules were followed and it became a lax affair as hours wore on. Hand sanitisers and thermal scanners were made available in polling booths.

Policemen stopped interfering after a few hours and focused only on maintaining peace. In many polling booths, people were standing in queue close to each other violating social distancing norms. People working outside district returned to their home-towns to exercise their franchise, with most of them turning up along with their families.

State Govt. revises special allowance of Doctors, Dentists: Minister

Bengaluru, Dec. 23 (SSV)- The State Government has met the long-pending demand of doctors and dentists by revising the special allowance for them with retrospective effect from Sept. 1, 2020, said Medical Education and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Dr. K. Sudhakar

The special allowance was revised last time in 2015. The State Government has revised it after a gap of five years. The special allowance for MBBS/BDS graduates with 0-6 years experience has been increased from Rs. 21,000 to Rs. 30,500; for PG degree/Diploma from Rs.42,600 to Rs.55,500 and for Super Specialty doctors from Rs. 50,800 to Rs.64,500.

Karnataka Medical Officers Association had submitted a memorandum to revise special allowance as per CGHC model. Dr. Sudhakar held a meeting with Department officials to discuss the demands of doctors and agreed take up their demand with Finance Department.

Details of increased special allowance for doctors with 6-13 years of experience

- MBBS/BDS - Rs.22,000 to Rs.37,500.
- PG/Diploma graduates - Rs. 43,700 to Rs.64,500.
- Super Specialty doctors - Rs.52,100 to Rs.73,500.

For those with 13-20 years of experience

- MBBS/BDS - Rs.23,000 to Rs.44,500
- PG/Diploma graduates - Rs.44,800 to Rs.73,500.
- Super Specialty doctors - Rs.58,400 to Rs.83,500.

For those with more than 25 years of experience

- MBBS/BDS - Rs.23,000 to Rs.60,500.
- PG/Diploma grads - Rs.44,800 to Rs.93,500.
- Super Specialty doctors - Rs.58,400 to Rs.1,03,500.

Weavers Society AGM

Mysuru, Dec. 23- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the city's Weavers House Building Co-operative Society, having its Office on Akbar Road, Mandi Mohalla,will take place at 11 am on Dec.25, at Gunabai Choultry, Chamal Mutt Street, Kabir Road, Lashkar Mohalla.

The meeting will be presided over by Society President A.N. Ramesh. For more details, call Ph: 0821- 4526313.

Not all require VACCINE

He entered the scene at a time when utter chaos was prevailing in the State as to who should take a lead to contain COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had tried and tested a couple of Ministers by making in-charge to check pandemic but nothing worked out. A big drama unfolded when Health Department portfolio was taken away from Ballari mining baron B. Sriramulu and given to Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, a MBBS degree holder. But the storm in a tea cup became calm only after intervention by the CM.

The COVID-19 situation gradually improved, thanks to daily monitoring of situation and interaction with district-level health officers by Dr. Sudhakar. Non-working officials were shown the door and were replaced with young and energetic officers. Ramping up RT-PCR test across the State not only helped to bring down Corona positive cases but also the casualty rate. Despite his busy schedule, Dr. Sudhakar spoke to *Star of Mysore* on the current situation and mass inoculation plans. Excerpts. —Ed

> **“Karnataka is fully prepared for vaccine distribution. About 29,451 vaccine distribution centres and more than 10,000 trained vaccinators have been identified. 2,855 cold storage centres are available for storage of vaccines. Regional centres are being set up in Bengaluru, Shivamogga and Ballari.”**
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> **—Dr. K. Sudhakar, Health Minister**

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Star of Mysore (SOM): COVID-19 cases are decreasing rapidly in Karnataka in the last one month? What magic did you do?

Dr. Sudhakar: The credit goes to all Corona Warriors and Government machinery under the leadership of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa. Following the 5T strategy (Testing, Tracing, Treatment, Teamwork and Tracking) consistently and rigorously is the main reason behind the decreasing infection. We are conducting more than 1 lakh tests per day and more than 80 percent of our tests are RT-PCR test which is highest in the country. Mysuru has less than 500 active cases and recovery rate stands at 97.23%. Zero COVID deaths were reported in 27 districts on Sunday including Mysuru. But, nonetheless we should not let our guard down. The virus thrives on our complacency. I urge people to continue to be vigilant and follow precautions like wearing mask, maintaining hand hygiene and following social distancing.

SOM: Scientists are predicting second wave? Is it true?

Dr. Sudhakar: I don't want to speculate anything. But this is a Novel Coronavirus about which we know very little. For example, the UK is now witnessing the emergence of a new variant of Coronavirus. So, we should continue to be cautious and be prepared for all possible scenarios.

SOM: With Western countries giving permission for emergency use of three candidates, when will India finalise the vaccine?

Dr. Sudhakar: Vaccine candidates in India also have applied for an emergency use authorisation to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) and an independent Subject Expert Committee (SEC) is examining it. We have to be more than reasonably satisfied about safety, immunogenicity and effectiveness when we give an emergency use authorisation. The SEC will factor in all these and come to a decision soon.

SOM: What is the total number of beneficiaries in first round of vaccination? What about senior citizens and people above 50 years of age?

Dr. Sudhakar: Protecting the health system and reducing deaths is the primary goal of vaccination. As per World Health Organisation (WHO), frontline workers in health and social care settings, people over the age of 65 years and people under the age of 65 years who have underlying conditions that put them at a higher risk of death are the tiers of priorities in that order.

As per provisional plan for Phase-1 vaccination,

Union Government is planning to vaccinate 30 crore people (600 million doses) which includes 1 crore healthcare workers, 2 crore frontline workers, 26 crore persons aged above 50 years and 1 crore persons aged below 50 years with comorbidities. Under Phase-1, more than 4.6 lakh healthcare workers, including those in Government and Private Sectors, have registered for the COVID-19 vaccination in Karnataka and State Government has shared the list with Centre.

SOM: A few months ago, door-to-door survey was conducted during Corona pandemic to collect details of every person along with their health details. Will the same data be used during first round of vaccination?

Dr. Sudhakar: As of now, we have compiled the data of healthcare workers. After this, we will plan for gathering data on frontline workers in the next phase.

SOM: If a person is ready to buy vaccine, will it be made available over the counter? And what about free vaccine for BPL families. Will they be vaccinated in first round or second round?

Dr. Sudhakar: The question does not arise now as the first phase will only involve vaccination of priority population based on vulnerability.

SOM: How many volunteers are trained for mass vaccination?

Dr. Sudhakar: We have identified more than 10,000 trained vaccinators for immunisation programme. Vaccination booths will be established similar to election booths. Each vaccination booth will have 2 vaccinators (Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery - ANM, Nurses, Male Multipurpose Health Worker, Pharmacist etc.), 1 assistant for maintaining data and records, 1 assistant for logistics and 2-3 persons (NCC, Volunteers) for crowd management. Detailed SOPs are being finalised in this regard.

SOM: Who will bear the cost of vaccine — State or Centre?

Dr. Sudhakar: The question does not arise now as no vaccine candidate has received licence nor do we know the cost of vaccine or number of dosages that may be required.

SOM: When will the entire population of Karnataka be covered under the vaccination? And how soon the State can start vaccination once the Government of India finalises the vaccine?

Dr. Sudhakar: Govt. of India is preparing for an orderly and smooth implementation driven by technology. We must understand that the vaccine roll out will be a long process which might take a year or more. We also need to ensure that existing healthcare services, national programmes and primary care is not compromised. We will utilise the experience of elections and universal immunisation programme and ensure people's participation for efficient and safe administration of vaccine.

SOM: Can you please share the total number of cold storages ready for storage of vaccine?

Dr. Sudhakar: Karnataka State has around 2,855 cold chain points for storage and distribution of vaccine. We have 2 State Vaccine Stores and 5 Regional Vaccine Stores. Currently, the State has 10 Walk-in-Coolers (WIC) and 4 Walk-in-Freezers (WIF). Three WIC and 2 WIF are being supplied to Karnataka from Central Government. With a view to have a better supply chain network and distribution of vaccines in a more timely manner, 3 new Regional Vaccine Stores — Bengaluru Urban, Shivamogga and Ballari — are being proposed taking into consideration the location of the districts, feasibility to distribute to the districts to strengthen the existing supply chain network. Karnataka would also be receiving additional 866 small Ice Lined Refrigerator, 64 large Ice Lined Refrigerator and 28 large Deep Freezers from the Centre. Rational allocation to the districts has been done and region-wise consignee details with number of equipment to be shipped to the identified Regional Vaccine Stores and State Vaccine Stores have been communicated to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from State Government.

SOM: Is vaccine voluntary or compulsory?

Dr. Sudhakar: Not everyone may need the vaccine. Even the length of protection is uncertain and a booster dose may be required after sometime. Vaccination may require 2-3 doses with an interval of 3-4 weeks. We will have clarity on these questions only after a vaccine candidate receives necessary approvals from regulatory authorities.

Prized Catch!

King Fish weighing 250-kg from Calicut sold in Mysuru for Rs. 1 lakh

Fish vendor Ibrahim** (extreme left) **and others pose with the giant king fish at Devaraja Market in city this morning.

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (LNY& BCT)- A giant king fish arrived at the Devaraja Market this morning and was a cynosure of all eyes.

The 250-kg fish arrived from Calicut and a huge crowd had gathered at the market to have a glimpse of the giant fish.

Ibrahim, who owns Sea Fish World at Devaraja Market where the king fish was brought to, told *Star of Mysore* that the fish was caught in the Arabian Sea on Monday, Dec. 21 and was brought to Mysuru via Kozhikode.

Soon after the fish arrived, he got many calls from hoteliers seeking to buy the fish.

"I sold it for Rs. 400 per kg and have earned Rs. 1 lakh out of it," he said. Such a giant fish has not arrived in the market in the recent past. Last year, a king fish that weighed 125 kg was brought from Kerala to the same shop. Normally, king fish is sold at Rs. 600 per kg here and today as it is Christmas Eve, it was sold at Rs. 400 per kg, he added.

Night Curfew across State from tonight

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Fresh guidelines expected

The State Government is expected to issue a fresh set of guidelines to be followed strictly for 10 days from today. The Police Department would be asked to ensure the closure of all shops, business establishments, bars, pubs and restaurants, malls before 10 pm for enabling people to reach home soon.

17 from UK in Mysuru

Meanwhile, as many as 17 passengers have arrived in Mysuru from the UK out of which location of seven persons had been established. The traced passengers have been asked to go for RT-PCR test. Efforts are on to find out location of another 10 persons. "Every person arriving in Mysore Airport is asked to furnish all details such as names, addresses and contact number in order to keep observation on them," Airport sources told *Star of Mysore*.

No KSRTC buses after 10 pm

Mysuru, Dec. 23- Deputy Chief Minister and Transport Minister Laxman Savadi has said that KSRTC buses will not be operated after 10 pm following imposition of Night Curfew by the State Government across the State from today till Jan. 2, 2021. He said life was more important than everything and the KSRTC did not want to put lives of lakhs of passengers who travel in State buses, in danger.

Bids invited for survey work

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The survey has to be completed in 98 days and companies have to submit the final bids by Jan. 12, 2021. The bids will be opened on Jan. 13 at 3.30 pm and the final tender for the survey will be awarded to the approved firm.

This is the first dedicated tender notice for this line. Earlier this month, NHSRCL invited bids for two other survey and study related works — encompassing 2,365 km of lines — which includes work for this line. The nine stations proposed on the Mysuru-Chennai line are planned to be built at Mysuru, Mandya, Chennapatna, Bengaluru, Bangarpet, Chittor, Arakkonam, Poonamallee and Chennai.

In the coming days, NHSRCL will invite bids for preparation of detailed social impact, resettlement action plan, preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and preparation of final alignment design.

Once the project is implemented, the high-speed train from Mysuru to Chennai via Bengaluru will take just two hours and 25 minutes as against the current seven hours in Shatabdi Express which is the fastest train on this route. On a normal train journey, it takes over 10 hours to travel between the two cities. Shatabdi travels at a maximum speed of 110 kilometres per hour.

The high-speed train will run at a maximum speed of 320 kilometres per hour and it can cover the 145-km distance from Mysuru to Bengaluru in just 45 minutes. The project will benefit thousands of people who travel on a daily basis between Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai. Traffic on the stretch is ever-increasing, forcing many people to fly.

Tiger caught in a snare amidst paddy fields rescued

Ponnampet, Dec. 23 (BCT)- A tiger survived the snare in which it was trapped for hours before Nagarahole National Park officials located the animal and rescued it on Wednesday.

The tiger's leg was caught in the snare and no major injuries were identified.

The tiger was caught in the snare believed to have been laid to trap a wild boar on the periphery of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve at Balele village of South Kodagu.

The snare was laid behind the veterinary hospital in Balele where there is a large paddy field.

Snares are laid to trap wild boars as they come to raid fully grown paddy fields. Laying of snares to catch wild animals is illegal under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Last evening, farmers of the area and a group of labourers had cut paddy sheaves and had left the same in the field to be bundled and taken home today. This morning, the feline was spotted amidst the field under a tree.

Villagers said that the tiger was seen roaming in the vicinity since the last few days and it had attacked several cows in the area. Seeing the growling fully grown tiger, field labourers rushed back to their homes and someone informed the Forest Department.

A team of personnel rushed to the spot along with nets and tranquilliser guns. Tranquilliser shots were fired from a distance and the animal was rescued.

Sources say that the tiger might have been trapped last night. The feline had tried to free itself from the snare and has injured its mouth. Except for minor injuries, it had no external injuries when officials rescued it.

The rescued animal is likely to be shifted to Chamundi Rehabilitation and Rescue Centre at Koorgalli in Mysuru with the officials yet to decide on its release back into the wild.

Veterinarians will treat and observe its health before a decision is taken, officials said.

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— Management

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka talks about chickens, their diet and their routine

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Do I need to bathe my chickens?

No! Chickens take dust baths that keep them clean and free of pests.

Do cats attack chickens?

In the vast majority of cases, no, but you do hear of this once in a while. Most cats are more intimidated by grown chickens than chickens are of them. Baby chicks are more at risk because they're helpless, but again, in our experience cats aren't interested in them. Better to take precautions, though! Dogs can also be a danger to chickens.

Do chickens bite?

They can, and do, peck if you annoy them in some way. It's somewhat different to a bite, and often much less unpleasant (depending on the size of the chicken, and how much damage it actually wants to do).

What is the main feed for chickens?

Alfalfa meal, Corn, Wheat, Oats and/or Barley. Chickens also love bananas, tomatoes, or leafy greens. Healthy treats such as these make a nice supplement to a pelleted ration. Make sure to feed your chickens wholesome foods, such as rice, pasta, fruits, vegetables and wholemeal bread. As a general rule, if you can eat it so can they. However, this excludes any fatty foods or foods with lots of salt. Well-known figure, for estimating purposes, is 115 gm of feed per chicken per day, or, 0.8 kg of feed per chicken per week. You can feed more. The natural feeds you can produce in your house are what chickens would eat in the wild: green plants, wild seeds, and animal foods, such as earthworms and insects — all more fresh and more nutritious than anything you can buy in a bag. Seeds of any kind are welcome and a broad spectrum of mineral supplement.

How do I keep my chickens happy?

a) Space. The first key to happier chickens is making sure you provide enough space for them; b) Keep a clean coop. After you have the space issue covered, you want to make sure you keep your coop clean; c) Food; d) Water; e) Dust Baths; f) Free Ranging / Roaming; g) Consider Their Environment / Safety; h) Treats.

Can chickens sleep with a light on?

Don't leave a light on 24 hours — chickens need darkness to sleep.

Why don't my chickens return to coop at night?

If your chickens suddenly refuse to retire to the coop, it's possible they've been visited by a predator at night while they're trying to sleep. Another possibility is that the coop is infested with mites or some other pest. Some pests come out at night to feed on your birds while they're trying to rest.

My chicken coop stinks and I have to clean it, but the hens won't get out of the coop. What should I do?

First of all distract the chickens, using treats to lure them outside their coop. Then follow the below tips for cleaning the coop:

a) Water and moisture are not your friend; b) Install a box fan to keep air circulating; c) Use fresh herbs and rose petals, if you have them, in the nesting boxes and in the sleeping areas; d) Every few days, or once a week, clean out any bedding that is soiled or damp.

What vitamins are good for my chickens?

Choline is good to prevent poor growth, fatty liver. Vitamin B 12 is used for anaemia and poor growth, and Vitamin C to make the feathers betters. Biotin is used for dermatitis on feet, and around the eyes and beak. All these vitamins are soluble in water.

What plants are harmful for chickens?

Plants that are part of the nightshade family — Members of the nightshade family include potatoes, tomatoes and eggplant. Onions - Fed in large quantities, onions can cause anaemia or jaundice, and sometimes be fatal.

Are chickens afraid of humans?

All animals are afraid of humans. Chickens can become attached to humans who provide them with shelter, food and water. Chickens are, however, a bit like goats and can show a preference for being around "their" people, but not enjoy being nuzzled or handled.

Can I feed bread to chickens?

Bread can be fed, but avoid mouldy bread. Most people feed their hens bread, since it's a good way to get rid of bread that's gone stale. However, since it contains starch, it should actually be fed in relative moderation. Chickens will eat bread until their crops are bursting. Thus, don't give them a lot at once. Whole grain is better for them. I've found that bread is one of their favourite treats.

Can chickens be fed household scraps?

Hens love human food so much that they will often come running when they see a person approaching with a bucket of scraps. Among their favourites are bakery items (even stale bread), rice, wilted salad greens, cooked vegetables, popcorn, meat scraps, fish skin, fruit, cheese, yogurt and cottage cheese.

How should I keep my pet chickens warm in winter?

Minimise drafts. Wind chill can increase the rate of heat loss from your coop. Keep your coop well-ventilated. Use the 'Deep Litter Method': A carbon-based litter, such as Pine shavings, absorbs nitrogen from the droppings, which ferments in an odour-free process to produce a rich, valuable humus like a traditional compost pile. Use sunlight to trap heat. Make sure your chickens can roost. Make them a sunroom.

How much care do chickens require?

They're much easier than dogs: No walking, no twice-daily feeding, no baths, no grooming. With the proper housing they're a very low-maintenance pet:

Daily: A "checking", on egg collection, and closing the coop if you've let them out.

As necessary: Fill feed and water containers.

Monthly: Change bedding and remove that free fertiliser (poo) so it can be put to good use!

Twice a year: A thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the coop.

Do chickens need to be left out daily?

Chicken are very routine oriented. You should open the coop and let them out about the same time each morning. When you open the coop, you will need to feed the chickens.

How long should we wait until chicks be let out outside?

By 4-5 weeks of age your chickens are ready to move outside full-time. And thank goodness! As much as you love them, you'll be thrilled to get them out of your house.

Can I leave my chickens out all night?

Fortunately, the answer is "yes". Caring for your chickens while you are away is safe and easy, so long as you plan ahead in terms of food, water and predators. First things first, chickens should only be left alone for a maximum of three to four days at the very most.

How to play with a chick?

It's important to the health of your chick that she receives plenty of attention from you. Chicks are friendly and curious and can form a bond with you. In addition, it can be fun to watch your chick's interactions with you and other chicks. Give your chick a name and make sure to talk to her using this name during your play. Hold and stroke her for at least a few minutes many times a day. Consider allowing her time to roam outside of her habitat during the day. However, make sure you watch her during this time so she doesn't injure herself or doesn't fall prey to another animal.

Do chickens eat vegetables?

Chickens love fruit and vegetables and you can give them this daily. Most cooked or raw vegetables are okay to feed your chickens. Suggestions include broccoli, carrots (cooked or shredded), cabbage, chard, cucumbers, kale, lettuce, pumpkins, spinach, squash, sweet potatoes, and tomatoes. You are safe to feed chickens pretty much any vegetable or fruit except any raw green peels (such as green potato peel) and any citric fruits such as oranges and lemons.

To join the animal welfare movement contact
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Workshop on human trafficking held

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta addressing the gathering during a workshop on 'Prevention of human trafficking' organised as part of Crime Prevention Month in city yesterday. Picture right shows a section of the participants.

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (SBD&SSV)- City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta inaugurated a special training programme on prevention of human trafficking as part of Crime Prevention Month here yesterday.

Speaking at the function organised at the Platinum Jubilee auditorium of Mysore Medical College in J.K. Ground here, he enlightened the audience with laws connected with prevention of human trafficking, rehabilitation and empowerment of the affected.

Prof. Sawant of JSS Law College delivered a lecture on the formation of special unit to check human trafficking, its aims, reasons and ways to prevent it.

District Child Protection Officer Divakar Shetty spoke in length on rehabilitation and empowerment after protection from human trafficking and the role of Government and Non-Governmental Organisations.

Resource persons also answered the questions from audience. Devaraja Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) M.N. Shashidhar, Krishnaraja ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi, Devaraja Inspector Divakar, Lashkar Inspector S.D. Suresh, Nazarbad Inspector Srikanth, Udaygiri Inspector Poonacha, Alanahalli Inspector Hariyappa, Women Police Inspector Lolakshi, Assistant Sub-Inspectors of various Police Stations, Health Department staff, Sthree Shakthi members, Anganwadi and ASHA workers and others participated in the workshop.

Dialling 112 prevents sandalwood tree theft, child marriage in city

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (RK&BCT)- The ERSS (Emergency Response Support System) integrated emergency response system with a single emergency number 112 has so far proved beneficial to the Police as it has enabled them to prevent crimes. The number, however, has to settle in among residents for the system to become more well-oiled and efficient.

ERSS is designed to address all emergency signals received from citizens through voice call, SMS, e-mail, panic SOS signal, ERSS web portal etc. This facility was launched in city on Dec. 14.

In a communiqué, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that the Police could prevent the theft of a sandalwood tree and save a child from being married off. The crimes were curbed as the Police teams were able to reach the spot in a flash.

On the night of Dec. 20, the 112 received a call from the public who alerted about a few persons moving in a suspicious manner near RMP Quarters at Ashokapuram Police Station limits. A Police team was rushed to the spot and on seeing a Police vehicle, the criminals, who were chopping a fully grown sandalwood tree, fled from the spot and escaped into darkness.

The Police team seized tools that were brought to the spot to cut the tree and the case has now been transferred to Ashokapuram Police for investigation. Finger prints have been collected and efforts are being made to trace the culprits.

In another case that was reported on Dec. 20, a person called 112 to alert the Police about a child marriage at Ghousianagar in Udayagiri Police Station limits. A little girl was to be married off in the event. The marriage was prevented by the Police team that rescued the girl. The case has been transferred to the Udayagiri Police Station for investigation.

The Commissioner has appealed to the public to call 112 at any time of the day or night about any information about any crime. The automated facility will handle all emergency signals and provide assistance available to the people in distress within the best possible time with the help of Police, Fire and Rescue, Health Services etc.

ERSS tracks the rescue and service vehicles of all services in real-time and hence, it will be possible to direct the right vehicle(s) to reach the service requester and provide necessary support immediately, he has stated.

Kurimandi youth murder case

NR Police arrest two; launch hunt to nab prime accused

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (SPN&KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police, yesterday, have arrested two persons in connection with the murder of a youth at JnNURM building complex at Kurimandi in Kesare 'A' Block.

While the murdered youth is Ravi alias Baccha (27), the arrested are 20-year-old Nikhil alias Maada and 18-year-old M. Appu, both residents of Kurimandi and friends of the deceased. The Police, after taking custody of the two accused on Dec. 18, subjected them to interrogation and formally arrested them on Dec. 22.

The Police have now launched a hunt to nab the prime accused identified as Vinay alias Parota, who is absconding.

Details: According to the Police, the arrested, who have confessed of murdering Ravi, have stated that there were frequent quarrels between Ravi and prime accused Vinay over financial issues and on Dec. 13, Ravi, who had consumed liquor had created ruckus in front of Vinay's house, which resulted in Vinay's house owner demanding Vinay to vacate the house.

Irked over this, Vinay, along with Nikhil and Appu, hatched a plot to eliminate Ravi. On Dec. 14 night, Vinay, Nikhil and Appu went to the house of Ravi in the guise of partying where they consumed liquor and later strangulated Ravi with a towel and killed him, the accused is said to have confessed during interrogation.

NR Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar supervised NR Inspector Azaruddin and staff Manju and Manjunath in the nabbing operation.

Unidentified man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 23- An unidentified ailing elderly man, aged about 65 years, who was being treated at K.R. Hospital, died on Dec. 18 after failing to respond to treatment. The man was found lying in a near unconscious state in front of a house on Ashoka Road in Veeranagere at about 4.15 pm on Dec. 14, following which he was rushed to K.R. Hospital by members of the public. But he passed away on the morning of Dec. 18, following which the K.R. Hospital authorities issued a death memo.

The jurisdictional Lashkar Police have registered a UDR in this regard. The man is aged about 65 years and is 5.3 ft. in height, lean built, round faced and darkish in complexion. Also, two teeth in the upper jaw have fallen. Kith and kin of the deceased, if any, can contact Lashkar Police on Ph: 0821-2418187/ 307 or Police Commissioner on Ph: 2418180 or Police Control Room on Ph: 2418339/ 340.

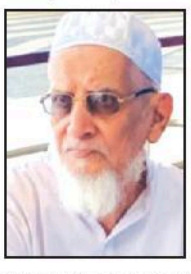
Woman comes under moving train, dies

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (KS)- An unidentified woman died after coming under a moving train between Pandavapura and Srirangapatna Railway Stations on Sunday. Mysuru Railway Police, who have shifted body to MMC&RI mortuary, have registered a case.

The unidentified woman is 5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, oval faced and has a faded tattoo of a flower on her right hand. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to Railway Police Sub-Inspector.

Obituary

S. Syed Abdul Azeez



Mysuru, Dec. 23- S. Syed Abdul Azeez (85), retired Chemistry Professor at Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru, passed away on Dec. 16 at his Bengaluru residence.

He leaves behind two daughters, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place on the same day at Khudus Saab Makan in Bengaluru.

H.J. Deepak

Hunsur: H.J. Deepak (44), a resident of Gokula Road in the town, passed away on Tuesday afternoon.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, parents, brother Venugopal of the Forest Department, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Hunsur Burial Grounds today, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Prehensile

Pronunciation: pree-HEN-sil.
Meaning: Adapted for seizing or grasping especially by wrapping around; gifted with mental grasp or moral or aesthetic perception.
Origin: You may be familiar with prehensile from the animal world: monkeys have prehensile tails, elephants have prehensile trunks, giraffes have prehensile tongues, etc. But can you comprehend where this word comes from? Can you apprehend its derivation? The Latin verb prehendere, meaning "to seize or grasp," is the ancestor of a number of English terms, including comprehend, apprehend, and prehensile. Prehensile came into English in the 18th century via French préhensile, from Latin prehensus, the past participle of prehendere.
Example: "The seahorse has a long, tubular snout with a round, toothless mouth. Normally they remain motionless, holding onto coral, rocks or seaweed with their prehensile tail." — Terry Lilley, The Garden Island (Lihue, Hawaii), 11 Oct. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Palingman

Seller of fish or eels.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hung out to dry

Meaning: To leave someone or something behind; abandon.
Origin: The origin of this phrase likely comes from the practice of people hanging their wet clothes outside to dry. Why would a person dry their clothes in this way? For one, it is cheaper than using an electric dryer. While it is true that an electric washer and dryer are convenient to have, they are also expensive. Plus, using them frequently increases the cost of a person's monthly electrical bill. On the other hand, hanging wet clothes outside and letting the sun and wind do all the work is easier on one's wallet. It's effective too! Well, in the warmer seasons, anyway. So this is likely where the saying comes from—people hanging their wet clothes out to dry. This might also explain how the expression got its "to be abandoned or left behind" meaning, because after hanging up their clothes, people then leave the clothes for hours, giving them time to dry.
As for the earliest one could find the phrase in print as in idiom, with its "abandonment" meaning, that would be the year 1980. For example, in the newspaper Filmnews, 1980, it reads:
"They would be rather explicit, because they were quite angry because it was like being abandoned like being hung out to dry."

QUOTE BOX

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. **— Margaret Mead**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

KEEPIN

Answer: Keep in touch.

SUDOKU

			8	3				
	3		6			8	4	
			9		4		7	
5								7
		8	2		5	4		
9								2
	2		7		9			
	5	1			8		6	
				4	6			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	2	7	5	3	4	8	6
7	4	5	9	8	6	2	3	1
3	8	6	1	2	4	5	7	9
5	6	9	2	7	1	3	4	8
2	3	7	4	9	8	6	1	5
8	1	4	6	3	5	9	2	7
6	7	1	3	4	9	8	5	2
9	5	3	8	1	2	7	6	4
4	2	8	5	6	7	1	9	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

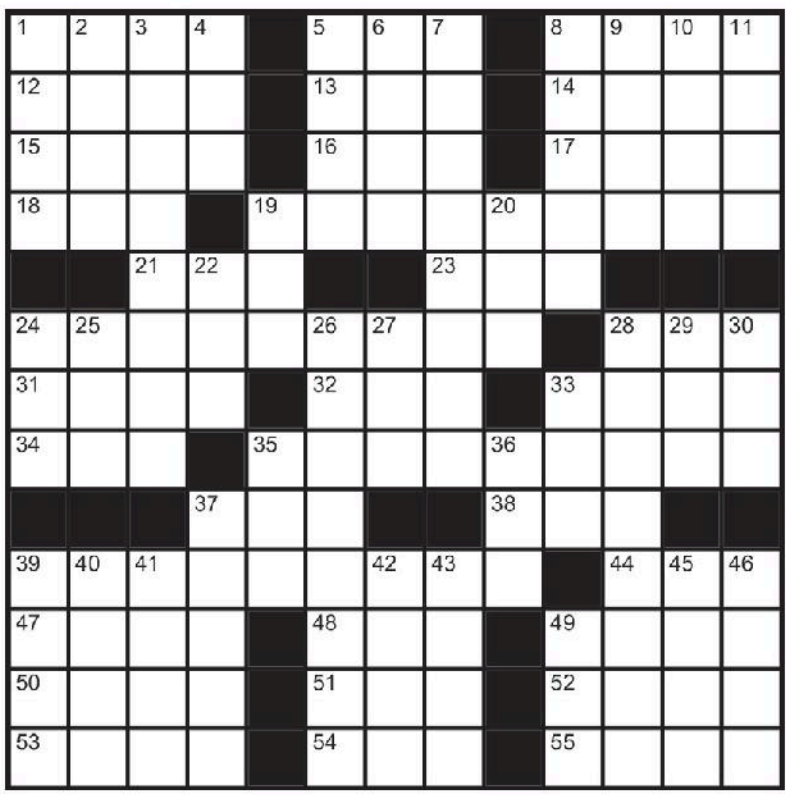
1 Raise to third power
5 A kind of evergreen tree with cones
8 Cert. Public. Accts.
12 Goes off the straight and narrow path?
13 I have, contracted
14 Whip; strike violently
15 _ __ it : I understood this? (1,3)
16 Penultimate mo.
17 Returned sound
18 Another word for a meadow
19 Not kindred
21 2014 IPL champions
23 Novelist Rand
24 Customers
28 Is able
31 ____ off : ended telephonic conversation?
32 The first number
33 Shuttle's org.
34 Pull hard and violently
35 Submissiveness
37 Kyushu mountain
38 Library, abbr.
39 Total
44 Japanese outcast class
47 Uncles in Spain
48 A type of fish
49 Street-car
50 Yes __ __ : please give the answer? (2,2)
51 Acute Resp. Infection
52 Body of soldiers
53 Manner or bearing
54 Modern: pref.
55 Scottish Celt - "a leg" broken?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

			S	C	U	M		G	A	M	E	D
T	O	R	T	O	L	A		I	M	A	G	O
O	B	E	Y	I	N	G		V	O	L	G	A
T	O	L	E	R	A	N	C	E				
S	E	A			R	E	E		S	A	D	E
		T	I	S		T	R	O	U	N	C	E
T	R	I	P	O	D		C	R	I	G	I	N
B	I	V	O	U	A	C		E	T	E		
A	P	E	D		D	A	S			L	A	B
				P	O	R	C	U	P	I	N	E
M	A	J	N	U		B	C	R	O	N	I	A
C	H	A	I	N		O	R	D	E	A	L	S
C	A	R	A	T		N	E	U	T			

DOWN

1 Overlay with wood
2 Impulse
3 Shattering or giving way
4 Superlative suffix
5 Man from Finland
6 A Welsh boy's name
7 Disclosed or made known
8 Free of dirt
9 Agreement, understanding or treaty
10 Noted netman and unfortunate AIDS victim
11 Equipped with footwear
19 Ode on a Grecian ___ : a poem by Keats?
20 Alkali or alkaline solution
22 Barrel
24 Pre-LCD TV technology
25 Fijian island
26 Sledge
27 Wind dir.
28 Capital of Australia
29 Aircraft Sys. Controllers
30 "No" in Scotland?
33 Indonesia's earlier name
35 Sugar suffix
36 The French for 'island'
37 Criminal fire-raising
39 Particle
40 Ex-India President
41 Departed or missing
42 Swiss river - change of "area"?
43 Singing group
45 Mild or docile
46 "Lamy" anagram for an organic reactive group
49 Attach a label to?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

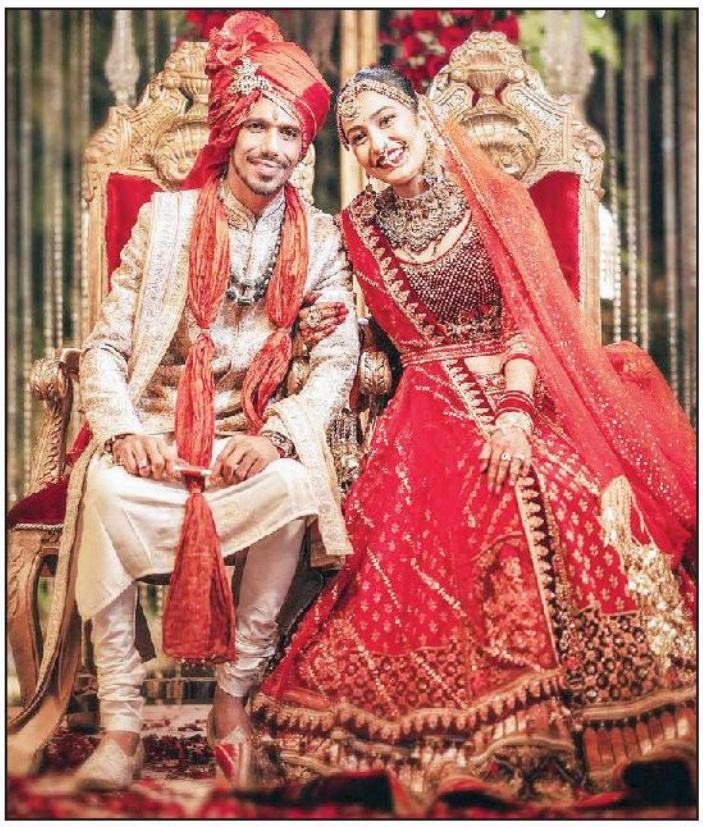
FY NJOY JX D XYFHSXJDX FSKNM SR YJXWHYJXJDX

ZIAWJGW KVNYM QA RKDXBYXWHYJX NSPJG.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Remember that happiness is a way of travel - not a destination.

Chahal ties knot with Dhanashree Verma



Indian leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal got married to Dhanashree Verma yesterday. The Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) spinner took to his social media accounts to share the news with his fans. Posting a couple of pictures with his partner on Instagram, the leg-spinner wrote: *"22.12.20. We started at "Once upon a time" and found "Our happily ever after," coz' finally, #DhanaSaidYuz for infinity & beyond!".* ***Chahal got engaged to choreographer partner in August this year. In the same month, he left for the UAE for the IPL 2020. Dhanashree then travelled to the UAE in the middle of the tournament where they both spent some quality time. Chahal was seen in action during the limited-overs series against Australia. A key member of India's white-ball side, Chahal is yet to make his Test debut and was not included in the squad for ongoing Test series against Australia.*** *[Source: Internet]*

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	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 7 pm
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	(S-3)	9.10 pm
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Kiladigalu (K)	(S-1)	12.45 pm
Tanikhe (K)	(S-3)	6.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Odisha, NorthEast share the spoils after entertaining draw

Gurmeet (NorthEast United FC) jumps to save Manuel Onwu's (Odisha FC) header during the Hero ISL 2020-21 match at GMC Stadium in Bambolim, Goa, last evening.

Bambolim, Dec. 23- Odisha FC and NorthEast United FC played out an entertaining 2-2 draw at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim on Tuesday in Match 37 of Hero of Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21. It was an ebb-and-flow encounter that saw Diego Mauricio open the scoring in the 23rd minute but Benjamin Lambot equalised on the stroke of halftime. Kwesi Appiah then put NorthEast ahead from the penalty spot in the 65th minute only for Cole Alexander to level the score almost immediately.

Cole Alexander had an action-packed outing at the heart of midfield for Odisha. He scored his club's equaliser in the 67th minute in stunning fashion and had a total of three attempts on the night. Defensively, he made one successful tackle, one successful interception and one clearance.

Hero of the Match: Cole Alexander (Odisha FC); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Ashutosh Mehta (NorthEast United FC).

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 24)

- **District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and NSS:** District-level Youth Festival (Yuvajanotsava), Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, **10 am.** [Ph: 0821-2564179]
- **Gruha Shobhe:** International Living Style Exhibition, special attraction - Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Dasara Exhibition Ground, **10 am to 9 pm.**

- **Anveshana Seva Trust:** Book release — 'Chutuku Yugacharya' edited by Dr. P.B. Indukala Urs (Book is on the life of Dr. M.G.R. Urs, who is also the Chief Convenor of Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Central Committee) — by MLC A.H. Vishwanath, former Home Minister P.G.R. Sindhia inaugurates, National Safai Karmacharis Commission Chairman M. Shivanna presides, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar delivers felicitation address, former VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa confers Amoghavarsha Award on Rtd. Dy.SP J.B. Rangaswamy, senior Resident Doctor of K.R. Hospital Dr. Rakesh Raje Urs, industrialist J.P. Urs, Sandhya Suraksha Trust President B.R. Nataraj Jois, Prof. Chandra Nayak of UoM and Block Education Officer of Kodagu district K.D. Suresh; Ursu Sangha President H.M.T. Lingaraje Urs and Trust Founding-Secretary Amarnath Raje Urs chief guests, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Bhavani Associates and RERA Consultants LLP, Bengaluru:** Workshop on 'Registration and Compliance, Advocate E. Suhail Ahmed and Chartered Accountant Vinay Thyagaraj speakers, Rotary Children's Library D.G. Hall, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **K.K. Hebbar Art Foundation:** Airing of radio serial titled 'Kala Tapaswi K.K. Hebbar' produced by K.K. Hebbar Art Foundation on FM Rainbow 101.3Mhz and All India Radio (AIR), **2.02 pm to 2.07 pm.** [Mob: 98452-44756]

Hero INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Dec. 23)

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Yesterday's Result

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